

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 26 and ending on page 9, line 2 with the following:

The first embodiment forms the exhaust chamber 10 by protruding the noise reducers 12A and 12B from the exhaust tube 1. The present invention is not limited to the embodiments described above. For example, as shown in Figs. 12A and 12B, the noise reducers 12A and 12B of the exhaust-chamber-10 chamber 20 may be filled with noise absorbing material K such as glass wool, rock wool, or urethane (if low temperature is expected) to efficiently absorb the energy of compression waves. To prevent the noise absorbing material K from scattering, a scatter preventive mesh 21 may be provided for an entrance (substantially in the same plane as an inner wall face of the exhaust tube 1) of each of the noise reducers 12A and 12B. In this case, the noise absorbing material K further improves the noise reducing effect.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 12, line 31 (numbered lined 32) and ending on page 13, line 13 with the following:

In Fig. 16, the exhaust chamber 60 according to this embodiment is a resonator set that is arranged to also serve as a front end plate 61 in the rear muffler 55 in the exhaust system. In Figs. 17A and 17B, the exhaust chamber 60 has a first end being open to an insertion tube 63A that is a part of an exhaust tube 1 to guide exhaust into the rear muffler 55. A second end of the exhaust chamber 60 is closed. The exhaust chamber 60 consists of a plurality of noise reducers 62A and 62B having different protrusion heights from the exhaust tube 1, i.e., different distances between the first and second ends of the exhaust chamber 60. The difference between the heights of the noise reducers 62A and 62B is predetermined. The insertion tube 63A serving as the front end plate 61 communicates with the exhaust tube 1 through an opening 55A of the rear muffler 55. The noise reducers 62A and 62B have top faces 62Aa and 62Ba, respectively, corresponding to the second end of the exhaust chamber 60. The top faces 62Aa and 62Ba may substantially be parallel with the exhaust tube 1. In this case, the distances from the exhaust tube 1 to the top faces 62Aa and 62Ba of the noise reducers 62A and 62B, i.e., the projection heights of the noise reducers 62A and 62B differ from each other by a predetermined value.